

[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

The places the names of which I shall presently mention are vaccination centres in each of which there is a vaccinator. Only sweepers have to be employed in each of these places. The places and the number of sweepers proposed to be employed are: Tirupatisaram, in the Tovala taluk, two sweepers; Putukkada in the Vilavankod taluk, two sweepers; Puvar in the Neyyattinkara taluk, two sweepers; Nemam, Neyyattinkara taluk, one sweeper; Kattakada, Neduvangad taluk, one sweeper; Kilimanur, Chirayinkil taluk, two sweepers; Elattur and Sivanallur, Shencotta taluk, two sweepers; Chengannur, Tiruvalla taluk, three sweepers; Kozhencheri, Tiruvalla taluk, two sweepers; Piravam, Muvattupuzha taluk, two sweepers; Ponkunnam, Changanachery taluk, two sweepers; Arudai, Peermade taluk, two sweepers; Kuravalangad, Mipachil taluk, one sweeper; Kotamangalam, Muvattupuzha taluk, two sweepers; and Kuttattukulam, Muvattupuzha taluk, two sweepers. The total monthly cost comes to Rs. 225 and the annual cost is Rs. 2,700. The amount asked for, namely, Rs. 1,575, is for seven months in 1102. The wages to be paid to a sweeper are Rs. 7½ per mensem. The places are insani- tary and to keep them all right this grant is proposed. I hope the House will see their way to sanction it.

**PRESIDENT:** Does the House sanction the grant?

The grant was made.

#### DEMAND XX—SCIENTIFIC AND MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS.

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 105 under Demand XX—Scientific and Miscellaneous Departments. As indicated in the printed list, this is for the appointment of a clerk in the office of the Govern- ment Photographer on Rs. 15 per mensem. In the office of the Govern- ment Photographer, there is at present no clerk. The staff consists of one Assistant Photographer and one Assistant Mechanic. Both are technical men and they do not possess any educational qualifications. The Government Photographer has reported that it is impossible for him to carry on correspondence and other office work without the help of a clerk. His office is no doubt a small one and his correspondence is limited. Nevertheless, he has to keep all the necessary accounts and registers and he has some correspondence also. When he has to send letters he has to keep copies of them. He has to draw bills. All these require the services of one clerk. He has also explained that when he goes on leave for some short time, there is none to look after his office work, because the Assistant Photographer and the Mechanic do not know anything connected with the office.

**MR. K. I. JOSEPH** (*Minachil cum Devicolam*): How did he manage the business all along?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He used to attend to everything himself. He had to write letters and also take copies of them.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know the number of letters he has to write in a year?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that now. There was recently a Government order which increased his work considerably. Under that order, he must be in charge of the Government clocks, the clocks in the Palace and other institutions, the pianos, etc.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil cum Devicolum*): What will be the percentage of increase roughly?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is no one at all to attend to the work now. It is not a question of increase. He has got his establishment pay to be drawn; his contingent account has to be kept. All that he has to do now.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is it very difficult to get photographers who know reading and writing?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): But there are men already there.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): What is the pay of the Assistant?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Assistant Photographer gets Rs. 20-30 and the Mechanic gets Rs. 15. The demand made is a small one. The clerical work must be done by somebody. I would request the House to pass this demand.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Will the clerk have work enough for five days in a month?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He will have some work every day, not necessarily five days in the month.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil cum Devicolum*): I oppose the motion. It is admitted that he was managing the affairs for the last several years and the Chief Secretary has not shown whether there is any real necessity for this.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): I am for the demand, but not for the identical grounds mentioned by Mr. George but as relief of unemployment to that extent. I support it.

PRESIDENT: I put the demand to the vote of the House.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

#### DEMAND XXIII—MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 3,000 under Demand XXIII—Miscellaneous Items. This provision is asked for to meet the expenditure connected with the Unemployment Committee.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil cum Devicolum*): Is it to employ the unemployed and pay them?